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25X1 [redacted] was taken over by a Soviet prospecting com-  
25X1 mission, officially called the Soviet Geological Commission. Its head was an engineer named Matrosov. There were 60 Soviet and five Czech members.

2. The group was busy for over a week at Karlovy-Vary. New drillings were made at numerous points. The best results were obtained in the Warta area, where new uranium deposits were found and there was talk of making the place a major producing center.

25X1 3. On 17 May 53 the commission went to the Jauer Mountains. Here they had to work on Polish ground, but that produced no difficulties for the Soviets. They later returned to the villa.

4. [redacted] several new mines will be opened in the Chodov area. At least 16 working areas are to be set up there. The veins are quite rich and lie high enough so they can be worked from open pits.

5. Near Kutna Hora rich veins have also been found. There was formerly a silver mine at this place. Production is under way.

6. Drillings gave indications of good results near Rybitow. Down to Jul 1953 no work had been begun there.

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